



Planting Potatoes in a Container



1. Cut potatoes into pieces with at least 1 eye per piece
2. Fill your container 1/3 full with soil
3. Let pieces dry before planting
4. Put potatoes on top of the soil with the eye facing up (keep them at least 4" from the sides of the container)
5. Cover potatoes with 2 inches of soil
6. Water. Watering is a key to growing potatoes. Keep your soil moist, but not wet. Do the "finger test"-stick your finger in up to the 2nd knuckle, and if it feels dry, go ahead and water. If it's hot or windy, you may need to water more often
7. When your plants reach around 6 inches in height, add another couple inches of soil-covering the lower leaves of the plants. Be careful not to break off any of the leaves, and you may be adding soil quite often as potato plants grow quickly! Add fertilizer as needed
8. Every time the plants grow to six inches above the soil line, add another 2-3 inches of soil. When the soil reaches a few inches from the top of the container, you can stop adding soil, but mound it up around the base of the plant
9. It is best to harvest potatoes when the vines begin to die back. You can dig around the soil with your hands until you find a potato, and if it is an acceptable size for you, pull it up. Otherwise, leave it alone, and it will continue to grow. If you want to harvest the entire container, it's as simple as dumping your pot